of the anonymous correspondence. The

writer of the letters was Mrs. George H.

Williams-three to Belknap and one to Mrs.

Robeson. The proof is, in our judgment,

conclusive, both from the extrinsic circum-

and on the successful treatment of the mat-

ter may depend in a large measure the good

name of the Cabinet and the influence of

General Grant and his administration. It

to impress this upon General Belknap this

morning, and I believe he fully appreciates

it, but declines to accept my suggestion that

he should not move until he has advised

himself the exclusive right to decide upon

his course and as to the manner and mea-

sure of reparation or reprisal. I suggested

that he should see Porter. He has seen

Babcock, but Porter in such an emergency

would be a wise and discreet hand. Another

thing that gives me concern-Mrs. Bobeson

and Mrs. Belknap have exchanged confi-

dences to the extent of ascertaining that

they are both victims of the same hand,

and thus the curiosity of the ladies all

son it looks to me as though

time. Mrs. Belknap suspects Mrs. Williams,

all, and will, of course, stop at nothing.

however, for me to suggest. I have every

confidence in your ability to deal with the

now, finally, pardon me for writing this. If

A WOMAN AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL.

clusion of all present at the close of this in-

gested that the Postmaster-General or the city

by itself and examined with a view of see-

nearly with the dates of his visits.

Yours,

AN ANXIOUS HOUSEHOLD DISCUSSION.

son to believe, the letters in question never

A THEORY ABOUT JEALOUSY AND REVENGE.

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many of the leading women in Washington

mination that if any efforts of their own

Saturday was the first "twenty-five-cent

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paid admissions numbered 52,419.

Another theory by which it is attempted

originated in his household.

At the end of this consultation the ma-

you at 12.

search.

March 24, 1875.

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FIXING DATES.

W. W. B.

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TUTSDAY AUGUST 22, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—Washington, will, if badly managed, make a scandal Probability During Tuesday in the South to which that of the Eatons will August 21.—During Tuesday in the South to which that of the Eatons will August 21.—During Tuesday in the South to which that of the Eatons will be as "light to darkness." I endeavored Atlantic and East Gulf States, higher barometer, cooler northeast to southeast winds, and partly cloudy weather will prevail, with possibly occasional rains in the southern portions.

In the lower Lake region and Middle with you and others, claiming that in a matstates, nearly stationary followed by falling ter affecting, as this does, his own honor harometer, rising temperature and general- and that of his family, he must reserve to repairs and improvements. The next best by clear weather, with winds shifting generally to easterly or southerly.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was clear, mild. and pleasant. On Sunday night very late there was a sudden change in the weather, and the mercury fell twenty-five degrees. Early yesterday morning and at midnight last night the weather was quite cool. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 65; A. M., 70: noon, 80; 3 P. M., 82; 6 P. M., 79; midnight, 68.

A CURIOUS NARRATIVE.

Light upon the Motives for Ex-Attorncy-General Williams's Dismissal.

THACING A SERIES OF ANONYMOUS LET- they will fight, and so in many respects it is THES TO A WOMAN'S HAND-JEALOUSY one of the most difficult cases to handle that AND REVENGE STRANGELY ILLUS- I can imagine. She will try to drag down

From the New York Herald. Washington, August 18, 1876.

to the winter of 1874 and the spring of sta several Cabinet Ministers and their families and the President's family had received anouymous letters, which excited a great deal of curiosity on the part of those receiving them. It was some time before different ones became aware that any other than their own families had received these attentions, but a reference to the matter by one soon brought out the fact that the others had also received these letters. At length a formal investigation was set on and the request sent also by General Bab- store. foot by some members of the Cabinet, the cock, General Porter came to Washington Solicitor of the Treasury, General Babcock, to aid in the further investigation and to and General Porter, and it was the notes of advise in regard to the course to be pursued. this investigation and some letters and re- The day after the above letter had been ports concerning it to which General Grant's written another interview took place at the attention was called as documents con- office of the Secretary of War, at which tained among Solicitor Wilson's private there were present Belknap, Robeson, Babpapers which he (Wilson) thought the cock, and Wilson. General Babcock brought President would not care to have looked a letter which had been written to Mrs. over by officers in the Treasury Department | Grant, and that was also carefully compared who were not aware of their character, and with the rest by all present, and the concluit was on this account that Wilson request- sion previously reached in regard to the first ed the President to send his son to look letters were only deepened by comparison through the papers with Wilson. The promi- of the last one obtained. These same gentlein the whiskey-frauds investigation, and the longed consultation with General Porter, still greater prominence caused by Attor- and the whole field was looked over. ington among the eight or ten persons who were acquainted with the various features of the story and the investigation. This alk has made it possible, by inquiries addressed to one another of them, to present the following statement in regard to the steps taken in Cabinet circles to discover the author of these letters.

EFFORTS TO TRACE THE WRITER. About the 1st of March, 1875, Secretary Belknap met Solicitor Wilson and showed im the envelope of what he said had covred an anonymous letter which he had tely received charging upon himself and s family improper connection with the French arms sales, and he was very anxious that Wilson should find a man in the Secret Service Division who could trace the writer of the letter. The Solicitor showed this envelope to the chief of that force, but no- the dates of the letters corresponded very thing was accomplished toward discovering

MORE ANNOYING STATEMENTS.

About a week after Secretary Belknap ame to the Solicitor with another letter in the same hand making still more annoying statements reflecting upon his family. After ome conversation the letters were put into Wilson's possession, he promising, at the request of the Secretary, to see what he could do personally toward finding their He took them to his office in the Treasury Department, and after obtaining an anonymous letter which had been written to Secretary Bristow and turned over to him by the Secretary, he began a comparison of the two. The letter to General Bristow was one demanding that he should discharge a certain lady from the Treasury Department because, as was alleged, she had made herself obnoxious toward one or two ladies in Cabinet circles, and because the President himself had expressed great dissatisfaction with her course and the fact ed. Some present were in favor of saying that the Secretary retained her. The whole closed with a threat that unless the Secretary made this removal certain charges would brought against him that would drive him from the Cabinet. No attention whatever had been paid to this letter except that Wilson remembered that he had put it in one of his pigeon-holes. An examination of the letters soon convinced the Solicitor more feminine cast than is usually seen. An matter. General Bristow, who was absent, ing originated with Colonel Whitley, final result was that all the facts and the the famous chief of the Secret Service Division, and the capital letters "N. Y. S." in the words "New York Sun," which had been inked over to make them appear larger, appeared, on comparison with Whitley's vriting, to have very strong marks of simi-The fact that Colonel Whitley was on intimate terms at the house of the Attorney-General turned attention in that direction, and Major Wilson wrote to Secretary Belknap asking him to send notes which he might have received from that house in case he had retained any. One of these was subsequently furnished, and its comparison with the anonymous letter strengthened the | the reasons for it, and without any intimasuspicion which had been aroused. At Secretary Belknap's request the Solicitor visited the War Department and had a prolonged interview upon the subject with General Belknap alone, who immediately became convinced that they had obtained the right clue to the origin of the letters.

The next day, at the Secretary's request, another interview was had at the War Department in regard to the matter, at which Secretary Robeson was present. The latter had also brought a letter, received in his for the bitter and persistent intrigues of family from the same anonymous source, and the three letters then in possession of these gentlemen were subjected to a very close and critical examination by both the lealousy of Mrs. Williams, and their deter-Cabinet officers present, and both agreed that the first surmise in regard to their source was correct. The following note fixes the fact of this interview:

WASHINGTON, Sunday morning, March 14, 1875. To Bluford Wilson: Dear Sir,-Please call at my office, if convenient, to-morrow at 1 o'clock, bringing the "papers" with day" at the Centennial exhibition, and you. If that hour is not agreeable, please ing damp and murky the attendance did name another. Yours very truly,

WILLIAM W. BELKNAP. tor wrote the following note to a member of the Cabinet, then absent from the city,

morning in touching bottom in the matter | have no terror."

in regard to the matter:

LOCAL MATTERS.

WARD MEETINGS TO-NIGHT .- Conservative ward meetings will be held at the following places to-night for the purpose of stances and on comparing the writings. The selecting delegates to represent Richmond letters to Belknap are infamous, and would in the District Convention, which meets onprovoke murder, or killing rather, if the au-Thursday to nominate a candidate for Conthor was a man. This discovery we cannot but regard as of the very gravest character,

Marshall Ward: Club-House. Jefferson Ward: Police Court-room, Odd-Fellews' Hall.

Madison Ward: Monticello Hall. Monroe Ward: Morgenstern's. Jackson Ward: Broad-Street engine-

Clay Ward: Blenner's Park. St. Alban's Hall was at first designated as the place of meeting for the voters of Monroe Ward, but yesterday Superintendent Gray was informed by the agent that the hall could not be had, as it is undergoing room obtainable was Mr. Morgenstern's dining-hall, immediately in rear of his saloon, on the north side of Broad street between Fourth and Fifth. If that room should prove too small to accommodate the crowd an adjournment to the street and an pen-air meeting may be ordered. It is the desire of the City Committee that these meetings shall be well attended, and in making their arrangements they seem to. have done everything possible to contribute around is inflamed, and for this rea- to that end.

CANVASSERS APPOINTED .- At the instance an explosion of the affair might occur at any of the members of the State Committee for the Fifth Congressional district the followand General Babcock is apprehensive that ing additional canvassers are announced by she may force the fight, and the General has the Conservative State Executive Committwo purposes fixed and set: He will tell tee: Carroll, Garland Hale; Grayson, A. the President, and he will insist on Wil-McC. Dickinson; Floyd, J. L. Howard; liams's stepping down and out; to which I Patrick, J. T. Lawson; Henry, R. R. Raney; see no objection, except the mode of doing Franklin, Peter Saunders; Pittsylvania, it is all-important. It is fair to suppose that John P. Millner, J. G. Cannon, and J. J. Wilkinson; Halifax, John A. Palmer and William P. Howerton.

In the Second district, Captain John H. Bogart having resigned as a member of the Her husband can alone deal with her, and I State Committee, the vacancy has been am sure that he ought to be told. It is not, filled, as the plan of the organization provides, by the nomination by the "remaining members from the district" of W. T. Allen, subject, but have less in Belknap's. And Esq., of the city of Norfolk.

it had been possible I would have called CONSERVATIVE MEETINGS IN THE COUNTY .upon you in person to report progress, but Conservative meetings will be held in Hen-I have the best reason for not leaving the rico county at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the city to-night, and I think the matter too imfollowing places, to elect delegates to the portant to await your return. Very re-Congressional Nominating Convention: Tuckahoe district, at the forks of the road; Fairfield, at New Bridge church; Varina, In obedience to the request in that note at Township Hall; Brookland, at Solomon's

> PERSECUTION OF COLORED CONSERVATIVES. t a meeting of the official body of Rev. J. . Dungee's church last night George P. dray, one of the trustees, was appointed to procure a warrant for the arrest of a colored voman living near the church, who has made herself offensively conspicuous by her interruption of public worship there. She is a Radical, and wants to break up this rebel nigger" congregation.

Mr. Dungee has for ten years been laboring as a missionary of the Free Baptist Mission Society, of New England. The Society nence given to the matter by Mr. Cochran | men a few days later bad a further and pro- has allowed him \$600 per annum for his services. He has recently received a letter from the treasurer, Rev. Mr. Curtis, of Conney-General Williams's emphatic and indignant denial, caused much talk here in Wash-ington among the cight or to present was accordant of a continuous convinced that no one except Mrs. Mr. Dungee that his salary will be cut off. As an illustration of the opposition to

stated in one of these letters, and the con-Mr. Dungee's course, it may be stated that terview was that no doubt whatever existed his Sunday school, which a few months ago that Mrs. Williams had written these letters. numbered 200, has now been reduced to Various plans were suggested to detect her forty scholars through the machinations of in mailing them. Among others it was sughis political enemies. During his recent visit to Martinsburg and Winchester the postmaster should be consulted in regard to Radical negroes threatened to mob him, and having all the mail matter deposited in the trouble would have occurred, no doubt, street boxes nearest her residence collected but for timely movements of the whites.

ing if any further anonymous letters of the DEATH OF A CITIZEN OF HENRICO .- Mr. A. same sort had been deposited there. It was J. Nichelson, fermerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., but more recently of Henrico county, died also determined that Colonel Whitley should be watched for the purpose of determining at his home below Richmond on Sunday whether his visits to the city were at the night. Mr. Nicholson was about sixty-five times when these letters made their appearyears old. He came to the county from ance, and the dates of his previous visits Pittsburgh last spring in feeble health, and, were also ascertained, and it was found that believing that Virginia climate would suit him, bought the Chaffin's farm property, six miles from the city, for twelve thousand dollars. He expended several thousand The time of General Porter's visit here dollars in repairs and improvements, and and of this consultation is fixed by the folduring the summer exposed himself a good lowing notes which passed on the accasion : | deal to the sun, which it is believed hastened Dear General: Yes: will be glad to see his death. Some time before coming to Virginia, however, he had an attack of pneumonia, from which he had never (On the same sheet in Babcock's writing). entirely recovered. He was a gentleman Dear Wilson: Will you happen in at the of fine character, and highly esteemed Secretary of War's office at 12? Your New by all who knew him. He was a mem-York friend P. will be there. Bring all ber of Laurel Grange, Patrons of Husyou have. I have a little more help in the bandry, and during his sickness received from his fellow-members and neighbors numerous evidences of their love and esteem. Dear Wilson: Did you get my little note? A committee of the Grange attended the remains to the express office, and they were forwarded to his former home yesterday.

DEATH OF MRS. A. B. HALL.-Informajority of those present were in favor of saying nothing to the President in regard to tion was received here yesterday of the the special facts which had been ascertain- death of Mrs. A. B. Hall at her home, in St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Hall was injured interto the President that they had satisfied nally on the 17th of August, 1875, when the themselves that the Attorney-General's of- accident occurred on the St. Louis, Kansas fice and some of his affairs could not stand | City and Northern railway, and she never an investigation, which was threatened, and recovered. She was born in Norfolk, Va., that if it took place such facts would be dis- and afterwards moved to Richmond, where closed as would cause his presence in the she was well known.

Cabinet to be a load which it was not expe-THE SUFFOLK BURGLAR ACQUITTED. dient for the President to carry. There was some opposition to this, however, and it | George D. Wise, Esq., reached the city yes was insisted by nearly all present that the terday morning from Suffolk, after attendhis handwriting was much finer and of a President should be informed of the whole tending the trial of Thomas McCormick, New York. Mr. Wise was counsel for the was written to in regard to the matter and gested the possibility of their hav- advised to come to Washington, and the defence, and the trial occupied all of Thursday. On Friday morning at 9 o'clock the jury, which had been brought from Isle of conclusion based upon them were laid before Wight, brought in a verdict of not guilty, the President, who himself examined the whereupon the jury was discharged.

letters and coincided with the rest in the conclusion that they had reached as to the au-REPAIRS TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER .- The thorship of the letters. At this time the work of painting and repairing the Council President and his Cabinet were about leavchamber, which was given to Mr. A. J. ing for the Lexington Centennial, and the Vaughan, has been completed. The woodretirement of Attorney-General Williams work, desks, &c., have been "oaked," the was at once decided upon, and the agreewalls of the chamber neatly cleaned and colment reached that he should withdraw from ored, and the room put in neat order genethe Cabinet soon after the return from New rally. Many of the desks, which were in a ney-General left the Cabinet before the 1st bad condition, have been recovered and tightened. The carpet, too, has been taken of May without having been informed of up, shaken, cleaned, and put down again. The upholstering was done by Mr. John having been begun; so that he testified cor- Booth, and the whole job executed under tion whatever of the above investigation the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

recty before the whiskey committee that neither the President nor any member of his BEING REPAIRED .- Steamer "B" (Third-Cabinet had ever mentioned this matter to Street engine) is now out of service, her him, and that, so far as he knew or had reaflues having worn out; and the contract for putting in new ones has been awarded to Messrs. Talbott & Sons.

The engine horses have been turned out to graze, and the harness taken off for the to explain the belief that Mrs. Williams first time in many days.

Engineer John Miller is engaged at present at the Broad-Street engine-house, filling Mr. Goode's place, who was injured on to secure the defeat of Attorney-General Saturday when the false alarm was turned

Williams as Chief Justice on account of their | in. SMALL CANNON STOLEN .- On Sunday night could prevent it she should not occupy the the blacksmith-shop at the corner of Twenposition of second lady in social rank in tieth and Main streets was broken open Washington. nowitzer "Nellie Grant," the property of

Jim Blaine is chipper, peart, sassy, and perfectly well. Congress has adjourned. Sheild, clerk of the city Circuit Court, is engaged in making up for the Court of Appeals the record in the case of Broadnax and others against Reuben Ragland and others, and Reuben Ragland against the city

CHURCH NOTES.—At the First Baptist A DESPERATE ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE. This is absolutely no church on Sunday Rev. H. H. Harris, of Richmond College, preached both morning HILLARY PAGE ATTEMPS TO AVOID perhaps be dissolved at and evening to large and attentive congregations. Three persons were received into the full fellowship of the church at the com-

munion service in the morning. The music

by the choir was excellent. Rev. J. B Hawthorne preached able and interesting sermons at the Second Baptist church on Sunday morning and night. At the Grace-Street church, after a sermon by the pastor (Dr. Hatcher), the church

had its regular communion, at which two persons were received into the fellowship of the church. The congregation was large and very attentive. At night Rev. Harvey Hatcher, late of Missouri, preached an admirable sermon to a large congregation. At the Pine-Street church at night, after preaching by Rev. J. M. Butler, the pastor

Rev. J. B. Hutson) baptized one person. At Sidney church Rev. Harvey Hatcher preached in the morning to a fine congregation. He has not yet decided the question of accepting the call to this church. Rev. Pike Powers preached at St. Paul's church on Sunday morning. The church

was closed at night. Rev. Dr. Peterkin preached at the Moore Memorial chapel on Sunday morning. Dr.

Wade officiated in the evening. Rev. Mr. Sams, rector of the Meade Memorial church, of Manchester, has been called to the pastorate of Christ church, Richmond, made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dallas Tucker, and has accepted the call. He will take charge in September. At the Second Presbyterian church Rev.

Dr. Brown preached in the morning. The usual services were held in the Methodist churches.

PROBABLE REMOVAL OF BISHOP GIBBONS O BALTIMORE.—The Baltimore Sun of yesterday says :

Richmond, Va., who, it has been stated, will soon be transferred to the archdiocese of Baltimore as coadjutor of Archbishop Bayley, was expected in Baltimore at a late hour last night, and will remain at the residence of Rev. Father McManus, of St. John's church. Archbishop Bayley is at present at Seaton Hall, N. J., where he has been sojourning some time for his health. Recently he spent a few days at Long Branch, but the need of quiet and retirement induced him to return to Seaton Hall. It has been rumored for some time that Archbishop Bayley, owing to the weighty cares devolving upon him, had petitioned the Holy See for a coadjutor. Though the Archbishop has not as yet done what gossip credits him with having done, it is believed he intends to procure the appointment of the Bishop of Richmond, Va., as coadjutor Archbishop of Baltimore cum jure successionis. No official intimation of the fact, however, has been received from Archbishop

"Bishop Gibbons is a native of Baltimore, and spent the days of his youth here. He born in the Cathedral parish, July, 1834, and baptized at the Cathedral by Rev. Charles Ignatius White, D. D., the present pastor of St. Matthew's church, Washington. During his childhood he accompanied his father to Ireland, where he finished a classical course, and formed the resolution of oining the ministry. When twenty years old he returned to Baltimore, and spent a while at St. Charles's College, near Ellicott City, after which he entered St. Mary's ninary, in this city, to prosecute his theological studies. He was ordained by Archbishop Kenrick in March, 1861, together with the Rev. John T. Gaitley, present pastor of St. Patrick's church, Broadway, and the Rev. Joseph Birch. "Archbishop Kenrick immediately sent

Father Gibbons to St. Patrick's church as assistant to the late Father James Dolan, from which charge he proceeded shortly afterward to St. Bridget's church, Hudson street, Canton, built in 1858 by Father Dolan. Here he remained till 1865. Archbishop Spalding called him to the Cathedral, appointing him assistant pastor and private secretary. During the next three years he labored at the Cathedral, accompanying the Archbishop, however, upon his episcopal visitations. According to the late Archbishop's desire, Father Gibbons was consecrated vicar-apostolic of North Carolina on the 16th of August, 1868, in the Cathedral church, Father Becker, of Richmond, receiving consecration as Bishop of Wilmington, Del., at the same time. The following October he was installed at St. Thomas's church, Wilmington, N. C., by Archbishop Spalding. There he resided till transferred to Richmond, July 29, 1872, as Bishop Mc-Gill's successor. Though created Bishop of Richmond, however, he was specially empowered to control the North Carolina vicariate, over which his jurisdiction still ex-

PERSONAL .- Mr. W. M. S. Dunn, general manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, has gone West on a tour of inspection of the whole road. Mr. H. D. Whitcomb, engineer of the

James River-Improvement, and Major E. D. Myers, engineer and superintendent of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, will go to Huntington to-day to examine some of the engineering on the western division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. Colonel Bolivar Christian, of Lexington,

Va., is in the city.

Councilman John M. Higgins goes to the White Sulphur Springs to-morrow to join a party of gentlemen and ladies from New York under the patronage of Mr. W. H. pankers, representatives of gas companies, Kanawha coal-fields. Mr. George D. Wise, Commonwealth at-

torney, has returned home from his late visit to Suffolk. Judge Guigon, of the Hustings Court, is

t Stribling Springs. Captain John Maxwell, one of the committee who went from the Caledonian Society of Richmond to Philadelphia to atcity on Sunday, and reported that Forbis Alcock, another of the committee, received the first prizes for sack- and hurdle-races. dancing the Highland fling. Captain Max- ing to give them a helping hand to put it well was elected second vice-president of upon a firm and permanent basis. These the Caledonian Association of the United companies are composed of many of our States and Canada.

The Governor commissioned yesterday Alfred P. Thorn a notary public for Northampton county. J. J. Royster, Esq., assistant City Auditor, has gone North on a pleasure trip.

Court yesterday Daniel Harris was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for malicious cutting.

NOT DECIDED .- Yesterday, in the County Court, in the case of Alley's administrator us. Allen a fieri facias to revive a judgnent was partly heard and continued until

THE CENTENNIAL EXCURSION. - The excureft Richmond at 8 o'clock, carried one hundred and thirty-nine persons. ENTERED YESTERDAY .- British bark North-

ern Queen, Captain William Dollen, to load ence. at the custom-house yesterday.

CONVICTS RECEIVED .- The following contor wrote the following note to a member of the Cabinet, then absent from the city, in regard to the matter:

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HILLARY PAGE ATTEMPS TO AVOID DEATH-HE DUCKS THE JAILER AND AT-TEMPTS TO PUSH HIM OVER THE JAIL BANISTERS-A PLUCKY JAILER.

Last evening between 6 and 7 o'clock Hillary Page, the condemned "fire-flend," made a desperate attempt at an escape from the county jail, which would have proven a success but for the great coolness, courage, and strength of Jailer R. H. Fisher. It is the custom of the jailer every evening to bring the prisoners out of jail, and to

had brought Page out into the yard, and, having had him fill his bucket, was returning with him to his cell at the top of the stairs. As they got to the door of the cell of he condemned Page turned suddenly upon Mr. Fisher, and dashed the bucket of water full into his face. This blinded him, and the prisoner siezed him by the arms, evidently with the intention of pinioning him. Page is himself a powerful man, and for a while it seemed as though the jailer would have to succumb to his efforts to throw him over the banisters into the area below. Mr. Fisher, however, proved too much for him, and succeeded in getting at his pistol. The prisoner then ran down the steps and mingled with the crowd of prisoners, who seemed to have assembled below as if by agreement. There are some thirteen or fourteen colored prisoners in the jail, and every one of these were gathered in the hall below the cell of the condemned man. When the last mentioned had gotten amongst them Mr. Fisher walked coolly and deliberately down the steps and approached Page with his pistol cocked and pointed towards him. The prisoners all dispersed, and Page, thinking he was to be shot, begged "Right Rev. James Gibbons, Bishop of for his life, saying: "They gwine hang me shoot me now, please, sir; le'me live long as I kin, please sir." Mr. Fisher assured him that there would be no difficulty in the matter if he would walk up to his cell; whereupon Hillary repaired quietly to his

old quarters. The conduct of the prisoners about the jail indicated plainly that there was some collusion between themselves and the condemned. The latter said to the jailer that his only motive was to save his life; which statement would tend to show that the physicians were right in deciding that Hillary was not insane. The most painful feature about his case seems to be that he has not received much religious advice and consolation, and does not seem to care much POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY-Justice J. J.

White.-Caroline Johnson (colored), cursing, abusing, and threatening to assault Mary Robinson, paid costs and was dis-Theodore Van Leven was fined three dollars and costs for assaulting and striking

Silas Winston with a stick. George Washington, a colored vagrant, was sent to jail in default of surety. Margaret Smith (colored), cursing and using indecent language to Michael Kernon,

paid costs and was let off. Daniel Jackson (colored), feloniously stealing one banner, one eagle, and one staff, the property of the "Star of the East ter on Sunday, was one of the largest ever Society," was set back. John Monroe (colored), drunk and disor-

derly, was fined beating Lee White, was required to pay costs.

for five days. Oliver Brown (colored), charged with but the righteous into life eternal." stealing \$5 in United States currency from text afforded an abundant theme for the the money-drawer of Augustus Minton, was | well-beloved divine's powers of religious

jailed for sixty days. Margaret Lawson and Jesse Washington (colored) were fined \$2.50 each for being present during the delivery of the magnifidrunk and creating a disturbance in the cent discourse was such as to convince one

the sidewalk, was sent to jail for ten days in default of surety. ARRESTS.—The following parties were registered at the First Police station last

Rosa Scott (colored), drunk and lying on

night at midnight: W. Press Nuckolls, charged with felonitumbler.

ing drunk and disorderly in the street. busing Henry Christian. Lucy Kinney (colored) drunk, creating a disturbance, and resisting the police. Lucy was also charged with using abusive language to Maria Jones.

QUALIFICATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL SU-PERINTENDENT .- Mr. James H. Peay, Jr., who was recently appointed Superintendent of Schools for this city, qualified yesterday in the usual form, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

Warrants were out for other parties.

PIC-NIC To-DAY.—The teachers and scholars of St. Mark's Sunday school will have a pic-nic at the Five-Mile lock to-day.

[For the Dispatch.] An Appeal for the First Virginia Regiment.

I desire to call the attention of the citizens of Richmond to a consideration of the question, whether this time-honored regi-Waterbury, who, it will be remembered, was ment of voluntary militia, whose record in in Richmond last winter with a number of our late war is a glorious one, should be dis-representatives of gas companies. The banded or not? That it is now in a state of present party is composed of merchants, disintegration will be admitted. Nor will it be denied that its enlisted men, the mateand their wives, and they are to visit the rial of which good soldiers can be made, have their minds filled with apprehensions and doubts of its future efficiency and permanent establishment. Consequently many of them are despondent, and are not animated by that zeal and enthusiasm for the profession of arms which ought to characterize true volunteers. The volunteer force in the city is composed of six companies, which, with their proper officers, number tend the Scottish games, returned to the perhaps over three hundred and fifty men. The time for which the men enlisted under the law has expired, and many of them will not reenlist unless something is done to The hurdles were eighteen inches high, satisfy them that their fellow-citizens feel Mr. Alcock also received the third prize for an interest in the organization and are will-

most worthy young men, who are engaged in daily labor for their support, who are but poorly able to meet the expenses incident to volunteer service, but who are willing and desirous to undergo all the labor, fatigue, and drilling of its requirement for the benefit of the city which they love. Shall they SENTENCED .- In the Henrico County not be encouraged by our citizens? Will it not be a benefit to have this regiment an efficient permanent organization in our midst? Would it not be a shame and a reflection upon the people if, by a denial of the necessary help and encouragement, they should permit the regiment to be disbanded and dissolved? Surely it would, and it must not be so. The memories which cluster around the names of the "Old Blues," "F Company," and the "Grays," and of the other companies also, are too sacred in the hearts sion train to Philadelphia yesterday, which of our people for us one moment to believe that they will not be impelled by such honorable considerations, even if they were not actuated by the great benefit of its continuance, to keep the old regiment still in exist-The aid now required to be given to this

it may reach a high state of efficiency and become the pride of the city, is of a twofold character. First, let our people-merchants, mechanics, and all classes—encour-

perhaps be dissolved at an early day.

It needs an armory, and I would respect fully submit that the City Council should devise measures at once to give it one. It needs money for many purposes, and I would suggest to my fellow-citizens that they should, all who can afford to do so. give it to it. By law each company has the right to enlist thirty contributing members, who are to pay twenty dollars per annum, and are thereby exempted from the performance of jury duty. Let the Council and the citizens act in this matter as we have suggested, and at once renewed life will be infused into the now sluggish veins make them carry water to their cells. He of the regiment, and ere long its ranks will be increased to ten full companies, the maximum required by law; and its officers and privates, inspired by such manifestations of the interest which the city takes in it, will strive hard to make it become an instrument of great usefulness in hours of trouble as well as the ornament and pride of the city in hours of parade and exulta-

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MANCHESTER NEWS.

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Manchester Progress-- A visitor to Manchester cannot fail to be struck at its visible evidences of improvement. The streets are eing graded and improved with an energy and skill that reflects great credit upon the City Council, the engineer, and contractor. The authorities of Richmond may take a lesson in street improvements from a survey of what is doing in Manchester. Adopting the ridge along which Twelfth (or Lawrence) street extends as the summit-level, all the streets are to be graded to the river, the ascent being in no place too great for streetrailways. Lester and Terry streets, now nearly completed, show how each street is to be improved. The work how under conanyhow on the fust of September. Don't tract is the most expensive as well as most difficult of completion. All of Manchester south and west of Twelfth street, from the naturally level state of the ground, will give easy and inexpensive work. It is also in contemplation to widen the present narrow streets to a width of forty-five feet. This, too, may be inexpensive by cooperation among the real-estate owners. One gentleman, owning lots fronting over 3,000 feet on these cross-streets, offers to surrender a depth of six feet provided a similar amount is surrendered by the owners of the opposite lots. It is probable that a great many other real-estate owners will make a similar offer. It is further in contemplation to purchase five or six parks of two acres each between the river and the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, thus adding greatly to ton. There are coaches and wagons to convey pasthe health, the beauty, and the attractive-ness of Manchester. There is already a decided improvement in the character and style of the private residences that have sprung up in all parts of the city.

Your reporter feels proud of "the State," and if any body doubts him, he challenges him (especially her), to walk over the bridge with him any evening after 5 o'clock. He will introduce him to the Mayor and to Chief-of-Police "Dinks," and he will enjoy immunity from dogs, geese, and bar-keepers.

The District Conference-All-Day Meeting .- The all-day meeting of the Petersburg District Conference, held at Chesparties from Richmond, Manchester, and etersburg, assembled about the grounds White (colored), assaulting and and, added to the faithful from the surrounding country, made a large and imposing congregation. Right Rev. Bishop Dog-Isaac Dana, assaulting and beating Wash- gett preached an imposing and eloquent ington and Mary Wilson, was committed sermon from Matthew xxv., 46: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, persuasion, and well did he use it. general demeanor of the large assemblage that the preacher had carried conviction to the hearts of those that heard him. In the afternoon Dr. Bennett preached, and the meeting adjourned.

In the Wrong Place.-During the meeting at Chester there appeared on the grounds an Italian organ-grinder with his monkey. He commenced by playing "Lannigan" ously assaulting Thomas Roberts with a Ball," which attracted the profane who had attended the meeting out of idle curiosity, Sarah Wilson (colored), charged with be- and he wound up with "Ah, I have sighed to rest me!" which, is is to be hoped, was Henry Allen (colored), assaulting and indicative of the spirit of repentance that should have pervaded his soul.

The Grangers in Session.-The Skinquar ter Grangers had a large meeting on Saturday for the purpose of exchanging views as to the best method to work the order. Mr. Frank G. Ruffin and several others made speeches; after which a dinner was partaken of.

The Excursions .- The Knights of Pythias and I. O. O. F. carried a large number of excursionists to West Point yesterday morning. The Cadets of Temperance (colored) will

have a pic-nic at White Grove. Cleaning Up .- After a long time the chain-

rang has commenced cleaning the grass out of the gutters around the market square.

An Obstreperous Youngster .- The only case before the Mayor yesterday was that of a youngster who wanted to go on the excursion, while his father wanted him to develop his elbow-grease for the development of bacon and greens for the family use This he refused to do, so his father took him by the ear and waltzed him in. The Mayor ordered him to be taken to the cage, and, under the supervision of the Chief of Police, to receive a good flogging at the hands of his father. This was administer-

upon the father curried him with a cast of countenance that indicated that the boy would not be able to sit comfortably even in an easy chair this morning. Church Attendance .- The church attendance on Sunday was remarkably good. Religious fervor was only stimulated by the refreshing breeze from the southeast, and many a young man who would otherwise have lolled at home went out to church and listened to blessed words that it is to be hoped he will ever cherish.

ed, but the boy remained stubborn, where-

To Be Re-Arrested .- A bench-warrant has been issued for the rearrest of Jim Worsham, ex-constable, charged with the junk robberies on the Danville railroad. He had not been taken at last accounts.

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